

GREECE TO DROP NEUTRALITY; FRENCH CROSS PERONNE ROAD

SANTA FE PLANS TO EXTEND ROAD TO OIL COUNTRY

Cutoff Line Through Osage County by 1918.

PAWHUSKA GIVES BONUS

Main Line to Gulf to Be Shortened 150 Miles.

Territory hitherto inaccessible to Oklahoma City except by roundabout methods of transportation will be put in direct touch with this city when the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company constructs its proposed cutoff line through Osage county. That construction work would begin within the next few months was learned today when a party of officials from Pawhuska visited the local Chamber of Commerce and declared that their city had already raised a bonus of \$50,000 for the road.

According to tentative plans, the Santa Fe will build its line from Caney, Kan., through Pawhuska to Pawnee, county seat of Pawnee county. This road will parallel the line of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas but will run several miles to the west.

New Track's Location.
From Pawnee the present line of the Santa Fe will be followed to Stillwater, where new tracks will be laid probably to Pleasant Valley. From there the road to Guthrie and Oklahoma will again be used. At Caney the Santa Fe has rails direct to Kansas City.

According to information given by the Chamber of Commerce by the Pawhuska officials, it is the plan of the Santa Fe to shorten its main line to the gulf. The proposed new construction will eliminate 150 miles of rail which now must be traversed between Kansas City and Galveston.

To Finish It By 1918.

The understanding of Pawhuska is that the new line through Osage county must be completed by 1918, which allows the Santa Fe little more than a year to finish the work.
The road through Osage county will tap oil territory practically undeveloped because of lack of transportation facilities. Competent oil men declare that beneath the Osage hills a second Cushing field is awaiting the drillers. Practically all the territory has been under lease for years.

Brussels Settles Fine of \$250,000

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—The report current abroad that \$250,000 fine imposed on the city of Brussels because of the street scenes attendant to the departure of Cardinal Mercier had been revoked is denied. The announcement is made that the payment of the fine was completed August 3.

Bryan and Lewis to Visit Oklahoma

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—William Jennings Bryan and Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois will begin extended trips through the central and west states in behalf of Wilson and Marshall next week.
Mr. Bryan will speak October 11 in Oklahoma. Senator Lewis will speak October 8 and 9 in Oklahoma.

WILSON RETURNS FROM SIDE OF DYING SISTER

Plans to Hasten to Bedside if Sudden Setback Comes.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 13.—The naval yacht Mayflower with President Wilson aboard left the harbor today. The Mayflower will take the president to Sandy Hook where an automobile will be waiting to take him to the summer White House at Long Branch, N. J. The president decided to leave New London last night after physicians attending his sister, Mrs. Anne E. Howe, whose critical illness brought the president here, had advised that from now on Mrs. Howe will be constantly under the influence of opiates and would be unable to recognize him and that she might live for several days. Should there be a sudden change for the worse he plans to return.
While there was no marked change overnight in Mrs. Howe's condition, she is gradually growing worse, it was said today.

With Winter Near Iron Workers End Minnesota Strike

CROSBY, Minn., Sept. 13.—After having lost several weeks' work, "watched their families and themselves hovering on the brink of starvation with nothing between them and a northern Minnesota winter," they said, about two hundred members of the Industrial Workers of the World, which organization started a strike of iron miners on the Cuyana range, met in executive session today and voted to call off the strike.

MEXICAN AND U. S. TROOPS ENCIRCLE VILLA'S FORCES

Believed Bandit Will Have Difficulty in Escaping.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., Sept. 13.—With the troops of Gen. Huerta Vargas posted along the line of Mexican Central railway ready to hold off any attempt of the Villa troops to escape in that direction, Savazos, pushing northeast with his command from Nampiqua, and the American expedition force forming the third section of the circle. General Trevino says that Villa is now in a position from which it will be extremely difficult to escape.
The American expedition has forces at San Buena Ventura and Carmen on the lookout for the bandits. San Buena Ventura is on the main wagon road to the Central railway and gives the Americans the control of the only exit for Villa from his present position in northwest Chihuahua.

Oklahoma Makes Target Record

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 13.—The nine vessels of the battleship division of the Atlantic fleet put to sea today for the southern drill grounds to resume target practice.

According to reports in naval circles, the superdreadnaughts Pennsylvania and Oklahoma in the firing line last week at the wreck of the San Marcos off Tangiers Island established new world's records at 20,000 yards, but no official figures could be obtained. The Oklahoma made the best record at 18,000 yards.

GOVERNOR TO NAME TODAY JURIST FOR HIGH COMMISSION

Governor Williams announced this morning that today he would appoint a successor to Judge George B. Rittenhouse, who has resigned as a member of the supreme court commission to engage in the practice of law in Oklahoma City.

The appointment will be sent to the supreme court for confirmation. Judge Rittenhouse's resignation is effective October 1, when his successor will take his place.

It is understood the appointment will not be an Oklahoma City man.

Billion Dollars Railroad Revenue

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Net revenues of \$1,176,894,001 from operations for the year ending June 30, compared with \$850,402,433 during 1915 for all railroads having revenues \$1,000,000 a year or more were shown today in the interstate commerce commission's report. The net revenue per mile was \$5,354 for the current year, compared with \$3,763 for last year.

Generally Fair; Probably Cooler

Local Forecast—Generally fair tonight and Thursday; probably cooler tonight.

State Forecast—Tonight fair and not so cool; Thursday generally fair.

KANSAS—Fair and warmer in south-west; cooler Thursday.

ARKANSAS—Fair and warmer.

WEST TEXAS—Generally fair.

IT ISN'T EVERYBODY THAT'S STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND A REST AT A RESORT

"Zimmie"

CHURCH FOUNDED EPWORTH RIVALS, RECORDS REVEAL

University Property Holder Wins on One Point.

MINUTES ARE ADMITTED

Financial Condition Known to Conference, Claim.

Attorneys for the University Development company scored a point in the trial of the Epworth university case today when Judge Clark permitted them to read records of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, conferences to show, first, that proper officials apprised the conferences of the school's actual financial condition from year to year, and second, that the church, by establishment of two schools in Oklahoma and assisting in the establishment of another at Dallas failed to give the proper support to Epworth, thereby failing to keep its part of the contract.
Introduction of the minutes was allowed after a heated discussion.

Status of the Case.
In this trial, the M. E. church, south, is seeking possession of the Epworth university property, located in the northwestern part of the city and said to be worth from \$150,000 to \$300,000. The University Development company, an alleged A. H. Classen interest, is seeking to hold the property, on the ground that the original agreement under which the property was donated and the school established was not carried out by the churches, particularly the M. E. church, south. Minutes of the annual conference of the M. E. church, south, which were read before the court, disclosed that the church was informed from year to year of the school's true financial condition.

The minutes also showed that the church established a school in Muskogee, and another a few miles north of Oklahoma City, both being in competition with Epworth. This action, the development company contends, shows the church broke faith with the original agreement which led to the establishment of Epworth that both churches would run the school, that both would give active support to the institution and endeavor to build up a great Methodist institution.

Patron of Dallas School.
The minutes also showed that the conference of the M. E. church, south, became a patronizing conference of the Methodist university at Dallas, and pledged not only its moral support but money with which to conduct the institution.

Anton H. Classen, prominent figure in the case and principal stockholder in the development company, was expected to take the witness stand this afternoon.

Burns Cost Life of Four-Year-Old Girl

SHAWNEE, Okla., Sept. 13.—Irene Fletcher, 4 years old, died today as the result of burns received Monday in the explosion of a gasoline melting pot at Baptist university here. A brother, who also was burned, may recover, according to physicians.

Damage \$25,000 in Lambert Fire

ALVA, Okla., Sept. 13.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the principal business block at Lambert, in Alfalfa county early today. Two general stores, a hardware and drug store were completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

Mail Carriers' Boss Hurls Defiance at Mayor on Hay Lid Edict; Calls City Bluff

"Who touches a hair of a carrier's head Dies like a dog. March on!" he said.

With this appropriate quotation, Robert H. Hansen, superintendent of mails at the postoffice, cast down the governmental gauntlet at the feet of Mayor Overholser this morning. Mr. Hansen was referring to hiszonner's straw hat edict issued yesterday in which Mr. Overholser intimates that every hay lid caught on the streets of Oklahoma City after September 15 will be subject to municipal confiscation and its wearer to pain, humiliation and degradation.

Ultimatum Issued.
After Mr. Hansen had concluded his Stonewall Jacksoning, he leaned back in his easy chair, assumed a "Come one, come all, this rock shall fly from its firm base as soon as I" attitude, and relieved his system of the following:
"Mayor Overholser may manage to use his influence and police force to bluff the private citizens of the city into discarding their

Arbitration Rejected in New York Strike; Surface Tieup Nearly Complete



THEODORE R. SHONTS

President of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, who refuses arbitration in the New York street car strike, and labor heads who are directing the tieup.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—The Interborough Rapid Transit and the New York Railways company formally rejected today the public service commission's recommendation for a strike settlement made Tuesday. The two companies declined to hold further conferences with representatives of the union and announced that it is their intention to continue to operate their lines on the present basis.

The strikers informed the commission they could not accede to the request of the commission to end the strike in view of the stand taken by the traction companies.

Congestion Extreme.

Few surface cars were operated today and passengers were forced to use the subways and elevated roads. Although traction officials say more trains than normal are in operation, congestion at express stations was extreme. Platforms were crowded and many narrow escapes were experienced by passengers.

Big Demonstration Planned.

There was little or no violence during the night, largely due to the fact that policemen were stationed on roof tops where attacks had been made on

Strauss Completes Score of Opera

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—Richard Strauss, the composer, has completed the score of his new opera entitled "The Woman Without a Shadow."

Episcopal Church May Ban Marriage of All Divorcees

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Marriage between persons divorced for any cause, either of whom has a husband or wife living, will not be permitted hereafter by the Protestant Episcopal church, if a new canon recommended by the commission on marriage and divorce is adopted by the general convention of the church at St. Louis, October 11, according to an announcement today.

The proposed legislation does not affect cases where the marriage relation is annulled by the courts for causes arising before the marriage. The difficult question as to whether divorced persons who have remarried by the civil authority or by a clergyman of some other church shall be admitted to holy communion is to be referred by the parish priest to the bishop of the diocese and his decision is to be final.

Attack Threatened on American Force

LAREDO, Texas, Sept. 13.—A threatening letter received by an army patrol at San Ygnacio, intimating that an attack will be made on American troops to avenge the bandits who recently received death sentences here for an attack on an American cavalry troop June 15 last, has caused army authorities to issue precautionary orders. Threats have not been uncommon during the past months but precautionary measures always are taken.

Ambassador Page Will Spend Week on Battle Line

UDINE, Italy, Sept. 13.—Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador, arrived here today for a week's visit to the Austro-Italian front. He was accompanied by Captain Elvin R. Heiberg, military attaché, and Lieutenant Commander Charles Russell Train, naval attaché of the embassy. They were received by both the military and civil authorities and will be guests of the supreme commander of the Italian army.

GUARD OFFICERS TO BE TRIED FOR LOSING HORSES

Neglect of Duty Charged to Illinois Quartermaster.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 13.—A request that the regimental quartermasters of the First and Second Illinois regiments of infantry be returned here for court martial was sent to the war department at Washington today by Major General Funston.

It is charged that they were guilty of neglect of duty in caring for government property by losing fifty horses and mules valued at about \$15,000, belonging to the United States army.

The two men are Capt. J. H. Walcott of the First Illinois and Capt. Fred W. Laas of the Second Illinois.

The lost animals were among others turned over to the two regiments when they came south. Receipts were given by the quartermasters. It is not known what became of the horses and mules.

General Funston said he would prosecute every supply officer in the supply service guilty of this sort of negligence.

Fee to State Is \$8,755 for Capital Jump

Pipe Line Company Increases Stock \$8,750,000; Now \$10,000,000.

The Yarbola Pipe Line company of Tulsa filed today with Secretary of State Lyon an amended charter showing an increase in capital stock of \$8,750,000, bringing the total capital of the company up to \$10,000,000.

The fee paid to the state on the increase was \$8,755.

This is one of several big oil and gas pipe line companies in Oklahoma that have recently increased their capital "and it is good indication of better times in Oklahoma," said Secretary Lyon.

"In every case where an increase has been made it was done to take care of increased business and to enlarge capacities."

Border Policing Conferees' Topic

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 13.—With the arrival here today of Major General Bliss from Washington, American members of the joint international commission prepared to return to the question of providing an advanced system of policing of the Mexican border. It was laid aside temporarily by the commission that the Mexican members might receive military advice on certain points.

New Fatal Mishap in Cleveland Bore

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 13.—One man was fatally injured and sixteen others hurt when the roof of a water tunnel being dug under Lake Erie caved in early today. Nineteen men were killed by a gas explosion in another section of the tunnel several weeks ago.

ONE of the many exclusive stories in the Times yesterday was the story of the violation of American rights by the British torpedo boat that held up and searched the American ship Cebu inside of the three-mile limit in Philippine waters. If you want to keep abreast of the news you have to read the Times.

ATHENS TO ISSUE DECLARATION OF WAR ON TEUTONS

Zaimis Cabinet Quits, Ending Old Policy.

ALLIES IN BOUCHAVESNES

Combles Cut Off From South; Peronne in Danger.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—King Constantine of Greece has accepted the resignation of Premier Zaimis and his cabinet.

Ready to Join Allies.
This is taken in entente capitals to mean that the retirement of the Zaimis ministry is preliminary to the entrance of Greece in the war with the allies. Recent dispatches from Berlin and Vienna show that there also it is regarded as probable Greece will soon abandon neutrality and join the entente powers.

Cause Uncertain.

The precise causes which led to the resignation of the ministry have not been disclosed on account of the exceptionally rigid censorship. A dispatch Tuesday said M. Zaimis had complained that internal incidents were preventing him from dealing with the external situation.

Neutrality Impossible.

It is believed in London that his resignation was due to the fact that he accepted the premiership on the understanding that he was to maintain neutrality and in view of the Bulgarian occupation of Greek territory had found this impossible.

Neutral No Longer.

After the fall of the Venizelos cabinet last October after the king's disagreement with his policy favoring intervention in the war with the allies, M. Zaimis was called on to form a cabinet. He announced a policy of armed neutrality. The cabinet resigned in November but in June M. Zaimis was again placed at the head of the government. Although advocating neutrality, he was regarded as having a predisposition toward the entente.

Control Highway to Peronne.

Instead of resting on the ground won in Tuesday's great attack north of Somme, the French continued their thrust last night, capturing the village of Bouchavesnes and a wooded area nearby.
Bouchavesnes lies east of the Bapaume-Peronne road cut in yesterday's drive and its capture with adjacent territory apparently clinches French possession of this main highway to Peronne.

Threatens Two Cities.

Combles is now cut off from the south and in a dangerous salient, while General Foch is in a favorable position for a stroke from the north at Peronne, which appears seriously threatened by the new French advance, one of the most important made in any single operation since the Somme offensive began.
The British, who hold the lines northwest of Combles, are maintaining a firm grip on Ghinchy, but as yet apparently have made no attempt to gain ground further to the east, London today reporting the general situation unchanged.

Entente Gains in Macedonia.

In Macedonia the entente offensive is developing along the western sector. Athens announces a joint advance by French and Serbian troops who have captured Sorovitz, near Florina, while Paris reports important progress particularly a considerable gain by the Serbians near Lake Ostrovo.

Twelve Years in Prison for Robber

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 13.—Charles Jefferson Harrison of San Antonio, Texas, made a full confession of the train robbery with which he was charged, in United States court here today before Judge Dayton. Sentence of twelve years in federal prison at Atlanta was imposed.

Bridge Company Accepts Blame

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 23.—The St. Lawrence Bridge company has notified the Canadian government that it accepts responsibility for the fall of the Quebec bridge span and that it will undertake to complete the bridge as soon as possible.

As steel is scarce it is believed it will take two years to construct a new span.

Stone Ship Ready for First Voyage

CHRISTIANIA, Sept. 13.—A new type of ship has arrived here from the shipyards of Christiania. The ship which resembles a huge barge, is constructed entirely of concrete except for steel ribs. It is the first stone vessel ever floated. It is said that the hull will resist damage better than steel on wood.